

WE CLAIM:

1. An electric cooking device comprising a base unit that includes a lower housing, a lower cookware member mounted in said lower housing, and a first electric
5 heating element operatively coupled to said lower cookware member for supplying heat to said lower cookware member,

wherein said lower cookware member includes a grill plate, said grill plate having front and rear edge
10 portions opposite to each other in a first direction, and left and right edge portions opposite to each other in a second direction transverse to the first direction and interconnecting said front and rear edge portions, said grill plate defining a plate axis that extends in
15 the first direction and that is disposed between said left and right edge portions,

said grill plate having a top cooking surface that inclines rearwardly and upwardly from said front edge
portion to said rear edge portion relative to a horizontal
20 plane, said top cooking surface of said grill plate further inclining downwardly from the plate axis to each of said left and right edge portions,

said grill plate being formed with an oil-collecting hole adjacent to said front edge portion and disposed
25 at the plate axis, said oil-collecting hole having left and right sides relative to the plate axis,

said top cooking surface of said grill plate being formed with a plurality of curved grill ribs, each of said grill ribs including a curved left rib portion extending from said left side of said oil-collecting hole to the plate axis, and a curved right rib portion extending from the plate axis to said right side of said oil-collecting hole,

said grill ribs having different arc lengths and intersecting the plate axis at different distances with respect to said oil-collecting hole such that longer ones of said grill ribs surround shorter ones of said grill ribs.

2. The electric cooking device as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a cover unit including an upper housing, an upper cookware member mounted in said upper housing, and a second electric heating element operatively coupled to said upper cookware member for supplying heat to said upper cookware member, said upper housing being mounted movably to said lower housing such that said cover unit is movable to a closed position relative to said base unit so as to form a cooking chamber with said base unit.

3. The electric cooking device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said lower cookware member further includes a surrounding wall that extends upwardly from a periphery of said grill plate.

4. The electric cooking device as claimed in Claim 3, further comprising a baking pan having a rim that is supported removably on a top edge of said surrounding wall of said lower cookware member.

5 5. The electric cooking device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said top cooking surface of said grill plate inclines rearwardly and upwardly from said front edge portion to said rear edge portion at an angle ranging from 3 to 8 degrees relative to the horizontal plane.

10 6. The electric cooking device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said top cooking surface of said grill plate inclines downwardly from the plate axis to each of said left and right edge portions at an angle ranging from 2 to 10 degrees relative to an inclined reference plane
15 which has the plate axis extending therein.

7. The electric cooking device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said base unit further includes an oil-collecting box mounted removably under said oil-collecting hole.